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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A rotatable body for printing machines having rollers, the rotatable body comprising:

a circumferential surface provided with a surface structure and formed of a nonmetallic material, said circumferential surface carrying a liquid and being a roller selected from the group of rollers consisting of a slip roller and a ductor roller for periodically contacting another roller of the rollers, said surface structure being irregularly structured.

Claim 2 (previously presented). The printing machine according to claim 10, wherein said roller serves for carrying one of ink and emulsion.

Claim 3 (currently amended). The printing machine according to claim 10, wherein said roller is said slip roller and, during printing, said roller is in permanent engagement with two other rollers.

Claim 4 (cancelled).

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Claim 5 (previously presented). The printing machine according to claim 10, wherein the nonmetallic material is selected from the group of materials consisting of hard rubber and hard plastic material.

Claim 6 (previously presented). The printing machine according to claim 10, wherein the surface structure is made up of a multiplicity of dimples formed in the circumferential surface.

Claim 7 (previously presented). The printing machine according to claim 10, wherein the surface structure is formed of slats.

Claim 8 (previously presented). The printing machine according to claim 7, wherein an arithmetical average height of the surface structure, determined by the slats, is at least 12 microns.

Claim 9 (previously presented). The printing machine according to claim 6, wherein the nonmetallic material is selected from the group of materials consisting of soft rubber and soft plastic material.

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Claim 10 (currently amended). A printing machine having rollers, the printing machine comprising at least one roller with a circumferential surface provided with a surface structure and formed of a nonmetallic material, said circumferential surface carrying a liquid, and said roller being selected from the group of rollers consisting of a slip roller and a ductor roller for periodically contacting another roller of the rollers, said surface structure being irregularly structured.

Claim 11 (previously presented). The printing machine according to claim 10, wherein said circumferential surface carries a viscid liquid.

Claim 12 (previously presented). The printing machine according to claim 10, wherein said circumferential surface carries an offset printing ink.

Claim 13 (previously presented). The printing machine according to claim 10, wherein said circumferential surface carries a printing-ink emulsion.

Claim 14 (previously presented). The printing machine according to claim 10, wherein said circumferential surface carries a dampening-solution emulsion.

Claims 15-16 (cancelled).

Claim 17 (currently amended). A rotatable body for printing machines having rollers, the rotatable body comprising:

a circumferential surface being formed of a nonmetallic material and having a surface structure selected from one of the group consisting of:

a multiplicity of dimples formed in the circumferential surface; and

slats providing the surface structure with an arithmetical average height of at least 12 microns; and

said circumferential surface carrying a liquid and being a roller selected from the group of rollers consisting of a slip roller and a ductor roller for periodically contacting another roller of the rollers.

Claim 18 (previously presented). The rotatable body according to claim 17, wherein the nonmetallic material is a material selected from the group consisting of soft rubber, soft plastic material, hard rubber, and hard plastic material.

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Claim 19 (previously presented). The rotatable body according to claim 17, wherein the circumferential surface carries a material selected from the group consisting of a viscid liquid, an offset printing ink, a printing-ink emulsion, and a dampening-solution emulsion.

Claim 20 (currently amended). A printing machine having rollers, the printing machine comprising at least one roller with a circumferential surface provided with a surface structure and formed of a nonmetallic material, said circumferential surface carrying a liquid, said roller being selected from the group of rollers consisting of a slip roller and a ductor roller for periodically contacting another roller of the rollers, and the surface structure being one of the group consisting of:

a multiplicity of dimples formed in the circumferential surface; and

slats providing the surface structure with an arithmetical average height of at least 12 microns.

Claim 21 (previously presented). The printing machine according to claim 20, wherein the nonmetallic material is a

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material selected from the group consisting of soft rubber, soft plastic material, hard rubber, and hard plastic material.

Claim 22 (previously presented). The printing machine according to claim 20, wherein said circumferential surface carries a material selected from the group consisting of a viscid liquid, an offset printing ink, a printing-ink emulsion, and a dampening-solution emulsion.